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March 23, 2009

The Honorable Harold Ian Emery

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Dear Mr. Emery:

It is a pleasure to lend my support in the development and placement of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Washington County. Subsequent to attending a related public meeting and personal presentation covering details of the Calais LNG proposal, I am quite impressed by their lucrative design for this region of Maine. Your firm has clearly made significant investments in the community, both financially and via time spent networking with area residents to ensure they are highly informed. This engagement demonstrates Calais LNG's commitment to a safe, well designed, and long-term venture.

During these very challenging financial times, especially in Downeast Maine, I am expressly compelled to back initiatives that will provide sustainable employment opportunities, while revitalizing the usage of our indigenous natural resources. In my view, and many others would agree, LNG plans are suitable for this vicinity of our state. Such an endeavor can be harmlessly realized and augment other opportunities yet to be exploited.

Aware that the Calais LNG project is unlikely to interfere with our coveted fishing industry, unique tourism, and other innate resources, its location would share an area of the St. Croix River, which also provides a platform for the Bayside shipping terminal and mining operations in New Brunswick, Canada. The advantage of an alternative energy source is likely to benefit communities and businesses at the same time as reducing our reliance on Middle Eastern oil.

In conclusion, I share the views of various local citizens in that this industry can play a vital role through the establishment of a diversified economy in Washington County. For this, and the other cited reasons mentioned above, I am pleased to endorse your effort to bring LNG to this coastal section of Maine.

If I can be of further service to you with this topic, or any other state-related issue, you may contact me at the State House, 287-1440.

Respectfully,

David C. Burns

State Representative



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Ian Emery
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Dear Ian,

As state representative for District 33 in Washington County and Former Washington County Sheriff and State Police officer for 37 years, I would like to express my most sincere support for the proposed Calais LNG project proposed to be developed by your company North East Energy Development, LLC.

Washington County has been suffering from high unemployment and lack of economic opportunity, causing many people to leave the county. With a source of natural gas available in Calais the opportunity to attract other industries and new jobs will greatly enhance the economy for the county and the state.

I believe the location of the Calais LNG project is far superior then the other projects proposed for Robbinston and Pleasant Point. The site in Calais is not located in the purview of a major tourist community like St. Andrews NB, nor is the site located within a populated area that abuts a neighboring community that is not in support of the project such as Eastport and lack of support for the Pleasant Point project. Also, the Calais project will not impact the traditional use of the bay as it is located along the St.Croix River away from any significant commercial fishery.

For these reasons, I would again like to express my support for the Calais project and wish your company, North East Energy Development much success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Tibbetts", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Tibbetts
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March 24, 2009

Harold Ian Emery
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Dear Ian:

Thank you for inviting me to this evening's event. I regret I'm unable to attend due to previous commitments.

I did want to take this opportunity to tell you how excited I am about the prospects for an LNG terminal in Washington County, not only because of the jobs it will generate, but because of its potential contribution to a diverse and affordable supply of energy in Maine.

As you know, I sit on the Joint Select Committee for Maine's Energy Future. This group is promoting a vision for Maine that will help reduce its over reliance on oil for heating its homes, and on electricity generated outside the region. I strongly believe LNG in Maine will provide an alternative to heating homes with oil, provide businesses with a more affordable source of fuel, and possibly encourage the development of electric generation using natural gas.

I applaud the efforts of Calais LNG, and am especially pleased to see the partnership your company has forged with the City of Calais, and the support you have from the local people.

Please know I will offer whatever support I can for your project during my time in the legislature, and certainly beyond. Good luck with this evening's event, and all the best to you in your efforts to benefit the State, and the people of Washington County.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Tilton".

Dianne Tilton
State Representative



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March 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a State Representative from Pittsfield serving my third term on the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. I am also a member of the newly formed Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future. I am an engineer by trade and have been working on Maine's energy issues for more than 20 years. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my input and support to the Calais LNG Project.

Maine is at an energy crossroads. Since the shutdown of the Maine Yankee nuclear facility, our State and our region has become overly dependent on supplies of natural gas from non-native sources. The construction of the Maritimes and Northeast pipeline changed the energy paradigm that we live in as we quickly adopted natural gas fired generation for the bulk of our energy supply. We are now nearly entirely reliant on our neighbors to the north and east for our fuel supplies to keep the lights on as a result.

Natural gas also offers an alternative for our industrial base and home heating that previously was not available. As we consider Maine's energy future, we have to create alternative plans for fuel supplies that are within our control. Complete dependence on another country would not be prudent. Concerns about climate change has brought yet another dynamic to our decision tree, but no matter what renewable alternative energy sources are to come in our future, we will need natural gas to be a bridge to that future.

The Downeast Maine region has an opportunity to become the native supplier of natural gas that we will need to remain competitive and in control of our energy future. It is imperative that we have an LNG supply to supplement the offshore supplies that have been developed at Sable Island and the remaining other sources that have a limited lifespan. LNG is a versatile fuel that offers many options to present customers that have made the switch to natural gas since the construction of the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline. In addition, with the increased supply, more Mainers will be given alternative heating sources. Though we dodged a serious disaster when oil prices fell prior to this winter, we must continue to plan for the inevitable. We cannot continue to be the most oil dependent State in the nation. LNG tankers arriving at a Maine based port facility will create an option for more of the State to transition away from oil.

The people of Washington County have not had a wealth of opportunities placed at their doorstep. The Calais LNG project is a glimmer of hope for an area that has often been left out of the good news department. The area needs the jobs and Maine needs the source of energy that will be the bridge to prosperity for the entire State. As the project continues through the approval process, feel free to list me as a supporter.

Sincerely,

Stacey Allen Fitts
State Representative

District 29 Clinton, Detroit and Pittsfield

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Senator Kevin L. Raye

Maine Senate



March 24, 2009

H. Ian Emery
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Dear Ian:

As the State Senator representing Washington County, I am pleased to once again express my support for efforts to develop LNG import facilities in our region.

I have long indicated my support for LNG development in Washington County as vehicle for job creation, economic development and environmentally responsible energy diversification. It is important to note that three potential host communities I represent are on record in support of proposed LNG facilities. I am also mindful of the impressive safety record of the LNG industry in the United States, and the fact that LNG is a clean-burning fuel that can help improve air quality and be an important transitional fuel to help meet our energy needs in the years ahead.

In contrast to the speedy approval of the Canaport LNG facility in neighboring New Brunswick, the construction of which is already more than 94% complete, the LNG proposals in our county are subject to a lengthy and painstaking process of scrutiny by state and federal regulators to ensure that they meet environmental and safety criteria and are properly sited and planned.

It is crucial that the state and federal processes underway not be influenced by the unwarranted intrusion of Canadian political and corporate interests attempting to stifle competition by threatening to block access to Maine ports even as they aggressively pursue their own LNG development. As you may know, I was the first elected official at the county, state or federal level to publicly reject Canada's threats to violate U.S. rights of innocent passage. Such a violation would set a very dangerous precedent with ominous implications for our economic future, and these threats should not be a factor in our deliberations.

It is important that LNG development benefits our region financially, promotes economic development, supports public safety and provides area residents and businesses with access to lower-cost energy. In combination with the necessary financing and market conditions, I believe these factors will ensure that an LNG facility will be a valuable component of our local economy. Both construction and operation phases will provide good-paying jobs and a much-needed boost for our area at a time when our already-struggling economy has suffered a devastating blow with the idling of the Domtar pulp mill.

I have been impressed with the strong support the Calais LNG proposal has won from the City of Calais and area residents, and I believe it offers a clear benefit to our regional economy.

Sincerely,

KEVIN L. RAYE
Maine State Senator



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To the Maine DEP Panel

I am writing this letter to indicate my support for the Calais LNG Project. Unfortunately, my legislative duties prevent me from attending the hearing.

In the six years of my legislative tenure, the Calais Area has seen the loss of the Particle Board Plant and the slow downsizing of Domtar who will in May close for an undetermined time. We have seen a communication business come and leave the area. The unemployment has consistently been at or near twice the state average. Our families have had the lowest average income in the state. In a recent 2009 report on Mortality Trends in US Counties, Washington County was the only county in the northeast to show a statistically significant decrease in life expectancy for women in the last twenty. This can be correlated to the chronic unemployment and poverty in the area.

Calais LNG offers the opportunity for economic development by offering jobs and the resources for further economic development. It is located near the industrial area of Washington County which offers the possibility of further industrial opportunities.

As you review of the Calais LNG application, please take into consideration the environmental and economic needs of the people of Washington County. I urge your support to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Perry".

Rep. Anne Perry



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Dear Mr. Emery,

I would like to attend the public information meeting in Calais to testify in support of the proposed Calais LNG project, but due to my heavy schedule in the Maine Legislature, I regretfully will be unable to attend the meeting Tuesday evening.

The time has come to create sustainable economic development in Washington County, and I believe the County must take full advantage of this great LNG opportunity. We must fully support LNG, wind power, tidal power, and any other renewable energy projects that will benefit our area. We are experiencing great losses in industry and jobs in our County, and we must band together to support this proposed project which is so vital to our communities and economy.

Over the last twenty or so years we have slowly become an older aged population in Washington County. How do we keep our young people in the area? We do this by creating decent paying jobs with decent benefits and decent retirement packages. It would be difficult to think of a better opportunity than we are having presented to our area than the proposed LNG project which will achieve all of the above and maybe even more benefits not yet thought of.

In closing, the time to act is NOW!

Sincerely

Howard E. McFadden

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